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# **SOUTH DAKOTA WHEAT INC.**

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Ms Cynthia Brown  
Chief, Section of Administration  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 East Street, S. W  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0111

Re: STB Financial Docket No. 35081 *Sub-No. 2*

Dear Ms Cynthia Brown:

On behalf of the wheat producers across South Dakota, we would like to share our concerns regarding the sale of the Canadian Pacific Rail Line. Rail line transportation is vital to our agricultural infrastructure and economy and we must be vigilant to maintain its existence.

The Board of Directors, on behalf of our members of SD Wheat Inc., has passed the following resolution: Be it resolved that we feel the following items be considered for rail transportation in the future:

- 1 Maintain and operate the full line as is currently being operated,
2. Maintain competitiveness between railroads,
- 3 Seek long term commitment,
- 4 Continue high level of service.

Competitive rates, timely shipment and accountability are all critical components for SD crop producers as they send their grain to market. As the economic regulatory agency that Congress charged with resolving railroad rate and service disputes and reviewing proposed railroad mergers, we look to your knowledge and leadership to help South Dakota crop producers

Sincerely,

*Caren Assman*  
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Executive Director

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